

## SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE

# Public Health Council

STATE OF WISCONSIN

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2005

**Council Members Present by Teleconference:** Ayaz Samadani (Chair); John Bartkowski (Vice-Chair); Jayne Bielecki (teleconference); Christopher Fischer; Catherine Frey; Douglas Nelson; Richard Perry; Julie Willems Van Dijk; Jeanan Yasiri

**Council Members Absent:** Sandy Anderson (Vice-Chair); Gary Gilmore (Secretary); Bevan Baker; Stephen Hargarten; Terri Kramolis; Charles LaRoque; Loren Leshan; Corazon Loteyro; June Munro; Elizabeth Raduege; Kurt Reed; Thai Vue; JoAnn Weidmann

**Division of Public Health Staff:** Susan Wood, Director, Bureau of Health Information and Policy; Stacia Jankowski

### Call to Order

At 11:10 a.m., Dr. Ayaz Samadani called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the names of attendees recorded.

### Discussion of Motion

John Bartkowski said that in reviewing the motion (see Attachment 1), the piece that was absent was the formation of an accredited school of public health within the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He suggested that the language of the motion be changed to state, "Begin the planning process to create an accredited school of public health that offers MPH, PhD, and DrPH degrees in the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee."

Jeanan Yasiri asked for clarification on why the Council was weighing in on this issue. Members explained the issue before the Board of Regents, and discussed the Council's position that a school of public health in Wisconsin could affect the public health workforce as well as the health of Wisconsin residents.

The Council discussed and adopted the following additional changes:

- Add to the end of the fourth paragraph, "One strategy to address the urgent issue of disparities is to assure a competent public health workforce."
- Replace the language about an accredited school of public health at the end of the fifth paragraph with, "Begin the planning process to create an accredited school of public health that offers MPH, PhD, and DrPH degrees in the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee."
- Expand the text on exploring collaboration and linkages to, "Explore all formats of collaboration, linkages, and distance based options, such as..."
- Bullet the items in the fifth paragraph and put them in order of specificity.

Attachment 2 incorporates the changes to the motion as stated above.

### Vote on Motion

A quorum was not deemed to be present for voting purposes. The members present agreed to distribute to all members a summary of the discussion and the revised motion for vote by e-mail. The Council asked that

responses (in favor, against, or abstaining) were to be submitted by e-mail by the close of business on November 7, 2005. If the motion is accepted as written, it will be submitted to the Board of Regents.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Samadani adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

## **Attachment 1 - DRAFT October 28, 2005**

### **Proposal to the Public Health Council for a motion to the Board of Regents**

The Wisconsin Public Health Council is appointed by the Governor to advise the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the governor, the legislature and the public on progress in implementing the state's ten-year public health plan – *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* - and on progress in the coordination of responses to public health emergencies. State law requires that the Council include representatives of health care consumers, health care providers, health professions educators, local health departments and boards, public safety agencies and the Public Health Advisory Committee established by the Secretary of DHFS.

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The Council supports a coordinated statewide approach to addressing the resources needed to assure a high quality public health workforce in the future. To accomplish this, schools and programs in public health in the state must establish relationships with other health science schools, community organizations, health agencies and groups to promote trans-disciplinary training and research. Public health training programs at UW – Madison and UW – LaCrosse should work collaboratively with programs at the Medical College of Wisconsin and with any new programs developed in Milwaukee and elsewhere so that there is effective coverage and good coordination and collaboration across the various entities involved in educating the public health workforce. This is essential if Wisconsin is to achieve the three overarching goals of the state health plan: To improve health status of all, to eliminate health disparities and to transform the public health system.

Wisconsin's economic prosperity is undermined by the serious health problems in our population. Health disparities exist based on racial and ethnic background and based on geography, age and sex. This statewide problem demands a local, regional, and statewide solution. Improving health status and eliminating health disparities is vital to the economic future of our state.

The Council urges the Board of Regents to respond to the serious health conditions in our state by approving the transformation of the UW Medical School that is well underway and renaming it as the School of Medicine and Public Health; supporting efforts to strengthen and coordinate existing public health education programs within the UW System, with careful consideration towards the establishment of public health education programs at UW Milwaukee; explore all formats for collaboration and linkage (e.g., meetings among the directors of the MPH programs to explore greater program collaboration and capacity building, as has been called for already; electronic formats via the Internet and other delivery systems for dialogue, planning, and eventual program delivery; innovative partnership opportunities that will enable Wisconsin to become a hallmark for innovation in workforce development); and begin the process of developing a statewide accredited "School of Public Health" that defines the degrees offered, the students accepted, and defines whether it is a research or applied school, with careful consideration regarding location and the virtual world.

## Attachment 2 - DRAFT November 4, 2005

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Therefore, the Council urges the Board of Regents to respond to the serious health conditions in our state by:

1. Approving the transformation of the UW Medical School that is well underway and renaming it as the School of Medicine and Public Health;
2. Begin the planning process to create an accredited school of public health that offers MPH, PhD, and DrPH degrees in the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee;
3. Explore all formats for collaboration, linkages, and distance-based options such as meetings among the directors of the MPH programs to explore greater program collaboration and capacity building, as has been called for already; electronic formats via the Internet and other delivery systems for dialogue, planning, and eventual program delivery; and innovative partnership opportunities that will enable Wisconsin to become a hallmark for innovation in workforce development; and

4. Supporting efforts to strengthen and coordinate existing public health education programs within the UW System.